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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP 1646

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Celeste et al.

Application No.: 09/945,182

Filed: August 31, 2001

For: TENDON-INDUCING  
COMPOSITIONS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1.116**

In reply to the Office Action of March 12, 2003, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.116, Applicants request that this application be amended as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 18, amend claim 20, and add new claim 29 as follows:

2. ~~30~~. (Twice Amended) A pharmaceutical composition for tendon/ligament-like tissue healing and tissue repair, said composition comprising an effective amount of a Bone Morphogenetic Protein-12 related protein in a pharmaceutically acceptable

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